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Honorable Board Members:

The Dobbins/Oregon House Action Committee (DOACT) acts as a forum where citizens in our communities (Dobbins and Oregon House in the Sierra foothills of Yuba County, California) can address issues of interest to them, achieve consensus and represent that consensus to those having jurisdiction. Our area of influence includes approximately 3,000 residents who are eligible to participate. At our May meeting the issues related to the Yuba County Water District (YCWD) and the draft decision being considered by the State Water Resources Control Board were addressed. This letter expresses our concerns about the impact this decision can have on us.

The service provided by YCWD in communities where the only alternative is pumping frequently scarce ground water is crucial. In addition, water available from YCWD facilities has proven a vital resource during suppression of the wildfires that constantly threaten our area. Imposing the draft decision, which would limit the amount of water available to YCWD, would seriously impact their operating budget. The negative impacts will be increased irrigation costs in an economically depressed agricultural area and imposition of a virtually insurmountable obstacle to expanding delivery of desperately needed water.

For the reasons stated above, we respectfully request that you do not adopt the draft decision as written. The welfare and safety of our community are important factors that must be considered in your decision. Please do not adopt any policy that will impair the ability of YCWD to serve us.

Respectfully:

Chairman Dobbins/Oregon

House Action Committee